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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, April 24, 2002, rejecting the following claims 1 through 20.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$320.00.

**(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)**

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

(X) (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for

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( ) four months	\$1440.00

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( ) The extension fee has already been filed in this application.

( ) (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Please charge to Deposit Account **08-2025** the sum of \$430.00. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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